

**University Avenue Improvements and ARTWalk 2
Enhancements Project**

City Project #08101 PIN 4754.18

**Resolution Meeting
May 4, 2010 at 10:00 AM
City of Rochester**

City of Rochester:

Paul Holahan
Jim McIntosh
Paul Way
Elaine Spaul
Andrea Guzzetta
Matt Haag
Rick Hannon

Bergmann Associates:

Brian Dougherty
Mark Johns
Sue Steele

ARTWalk of Rochester:

Doug Rice
Anne Lovely
Bill Schwapacher
Thomas Warfield
Moiria Lemperle
Patti Giordano

This meeting was held to review the issues/concerns of ARTWalk of Rochester with the current project and proposed design in an effort to come to a resolution between the City, Bergmann Associates, and ARTWalk of Rochester in order for the project to move forward and meet the deadline provided by the State DOT. Elaine Spaul served as the moderator for the meeting. The following notes are the items discussed or decisions reached at this meeting:

Jim McIntosh reviewed the schedule:

- NYSDOT is concerned over the federal funding and would like the PSE (100% plans, specifications, and engineer's estimate) submitted by May 21. That would leave one (1) week for NYSDOT to review.
- No City Council Action required for this to occur

Doug Rice shared his concerns:

- As an outdoor museum, the sidewalks are the brand of ARTWalk
- Commented on being informed of the sidewalk design only months ago
 - o BERGMANN indicated that ARTWalk had representation at all design team meetings during the entire design process and the ARTWalk PM was to convey this information to the rest of the organization.
- Anne commented that the plans from Feb 2009 indicate the original AW sidewalks being proposed.

Sue explained the design of each sidewalk section as currently proposed.

- N Goodman at Village Gate – 6' exposed aggregate (medina-colored aggregate) concrete sidewalk with 1' granite border on each side. Granite would be engraved with the AW braided border design and 1'x1' squares would host engraved community art. This design is the same as the current AW design but with different materials.
 - o Doug would like the cost comparison of granite vs. concrete.



- Doug would like to participate with adjacent landowners to define which sidewalk option is preferred.
 - The design team's decisions to propose granite originated from community input at public meetings to make the legs of the sidewalk unique but also cohesive with the original phase of the project. This is achieved through using the same design proportions and modifying the materials.
 - Bergmann will prepare a cost comparison of granite vs. concrete for the City.
 - If the design is revised, the adjacent property owners must be contacted to discuss.
- N Goodman along MAG – 6' brick sidewalk with lit pavers, which will host community stories with 1' concrete border on each side.
 - Doug would like to have the opportunity to meet with MAG to discuss the proposed design.
- University Ave along MAG – 6' brick sidewalk with 8" brick and 6" granite border on each side. Pink granite bands embedded in the sidewalk will host poetry submitted by the community.
 - AW would like to have the opportunity to meet with MAG to discuss the proposed design.
- University Avenue at VSW and SOTA - 6' exposed aggregate (medina-colored aggregate) concrete sidewalk with 1' granite border on each side. Granite would be engraved with the AW braided border design and 1'x1' squares would host engraved community art. This design is the same as the current AW design, but with different materials.
- N Goodman from University to East Ave – maintain existing 5' sidewalk (it is relatively new) and modify by adding various sized circles that serpentine along the walk to make the walk feel wider and to provide opportunities for the sidewalk to host community art through bronze plates, stamps, and sandblasted designs.
 - It was discussed that the design be revised to maintain the existing walk and adding a 1' border on each side with the braided border and community art imprinted within the border.
 - This is an option and would have to go before the adjacent property owner.
- East Avenue – 6' concrete sidewalk with science based material etched or stamped with 1' brick border, which includes lit pavers. From the main plaza to the planetarium the walk consists of an 8' concrete walk with scored 1' border, walk will host lights that make constellations and an astronomy exhibit in the sidewalk.
 - Doug would like to have the opportunity to meet with RMSC to discuss the proposed design.
 - Doug stated that, consistent with ARTWalk 1 design process, ARTWalk always defers to the adjacent property owner and does not dictate the nature of the design.

Paul Way will set up the meetings (by Friday) with adjacent stakeholders (RMSC, MAG, Hung Family and Wesley Gardens, Gary Stern and ATM Properties, VSW and SOTA).

- Mark Johns, Doug Rice, Anne Lovely, Elaine Spaul and Paul Way should be in attendance for these meetings.

ARTWalk asked for additional compensation for the work they are contracted to do.

- Brian mentioned that there is a possibility of requesting an extra \$25K from the City for extra services. Bergmann will take steps to obtain the additional services monies for ARTWalk.



- Elaine explained that there seems to be an uneven compensation among the sub-consultants.
- Board members explained that their hours are volunteer and that there are too many meetings and it is a very difficult project that is taking a lot of time. If there is an opportunity for compensation that would make it easier on the organization.

ARTWalk Board would like access to project meeting minutes.

- Bergmann keeps minutes of all meetings. The current communication protocol is for the official minutes to be sent to those who were invited and those individuals are responsible for forwarding along to their constituents. Bergmann is NOT responsible for sending minutes to each of the AW board members.
 - o Anne commented that all of the meeting minutes are on file in the office.
- Elaine would like all minutes sent to the AW board from this point forward, regardless of the involvement AW in the meeting being held.

ART Calls were discussed

- Sue commented that they are prepared and ready to go out as soon as the AW Board authorizes their project manager to begin working again
- Doug commented that the PM could not begin until there is a commitment to begin payments to the organization.
- Bergmann will take steps to obtain additional funds. In the interim, AW should use the remaining \$10K.
- There was general agreement that the \$25K in additional services would be acceptable to the City provided adequate documentation was in place.
- Anne and Sue to coordinate on getting the calls out as soon as possible.

ARTWalk is concerned about their Brand and the latest PR about ArtDrop was a major issue, Doug would like all PR materials that will have the ARTWalk logo or name used to be approved by the board prior to publishing.

Doug also commented that SWC cannot use the AW name for anything, and expressed his opinion that they have been falsely representing the organization and tarnishing the name and benefitting from the organization.

ARTWalk would like more information about the calls that are to go out for Poet's Walk, Story Walk, and NOTA Caching

- Why wasn't AW involved?
- Elaine and Paul Holahan commented that the 'assist' role in the roles and responsibility document seems to not be honored through the process.
- Bergmann commented that when the process was being prepared by SWC, AW had informed BA of their inability to work. Because of their decisions to stop work, communication between the two was put on hold until the issues were resolved. Mark explained that given the project deadlines, the entire project could not be put on hold because of one subconsultant.



Paul commented that if the calls are to go out soon, the website needs to be published

- Bergmann is under contract with the City to redesign and maintain the AW and project website for a period of two years. The access to the site was taken away from Bergmann and it must be reestablished for Bergmann to continue maintaining the site.
 - o The site was designed and created with the input of Anne as PM for AW and Doug Rice. Bergmann will reload the site and make any revisions as requested by the board (as they have done throughout the project to date)
- AW is to determine how they would like to proceed and set up a meeting this week with Bergmann to discuss the options.

Paul would like to discuss the maintenance agreements for the calls with ARTWalk, this is NOT critical and does not need to be completed by the May 21 deadline for submitting the PS&E package.

The ARTWalk Board members in attendance indicated their concurrence with the design to date, along with the opportunity to revisit the noted sections of sidewalk in conjunction with the adjacent property owners. No formal vote was taken.

The above constitutes our understanding of issues discussed and decisions reached at this meeting. Please notify the undersigned, in writing, with any errors or omissions.

Best regards,

BERGMANN ASSOCIATES



Mark R. Johns, RLA, ASLA

cc: All Meeting attendees

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